

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HUMANITIES

History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts (48020011)

Grade level: 10-12th

Prerequisite(s): None

History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts includes the disciplines of visual art, music, dance, drama and literature. Students become aware of how time, place, and society influence the arts. The course of study enables students to respond to all art forms through describing, analyzing, interpreting and evaluating.

Advanced Program History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts (48040091)

Grade level: 12th

Prerequisite(s): None

ADV History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts is an interdisciplinary course surveying the development of human culture from the ancient world to the present. The class will examine the nature of various disciplines including literature, mythology, philosophy, religion, theatre, visual arts, music, and dance. The class introduces the student to the major achievements of human cultures and to the skills and methodologies needed to study those achievements. It emphasizes higher-level thinking skills, rigorous readings, use of community resources, and nurtures individual growth and independent thought.

Note: This course will satisfy the Advanced Program Humanities requirement.

Advanced Placement Art History (48050961)

Grade level: 12th

Prerequisite(s): None, See Art department chair with questions.

AP Art History is designed to allow students to examine major forms of artistic expression from the past to the present in a variety of cultures. Students will learn to look at works of art critically and to express what they have seen or experienced. This follows the College Board AP Art History Curriculum and students are expected to take the exam in the spring for college credit.

Note: College level curriculum taught in a high school setting. This course will satisfy the *Advanced Program* Humanities requirement

Advanced Program Humanities in Spanish (42470181)

Grade level: 12th

Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of Spanish 1-3

ADV Humanities in Spanish is a course presenting the core content of the *Advanced Program* Humanities course, but contextualized and taught in the target language of Spanish. The course is designed to fulfill two course credits for Manual seniors. The first provides a required Carnegie credit unit for Humanities. The second may provide an Advanced Spanish 4 credit after the successful completion of a national norm-referenced proficiency test.

Humanities core content topics will range across the spectrum of the history and appreciation of the visual and performing arts, with areas including the nature and elements of various artistic forms, significant artistic Ages and Movements, and an exposure to the artistic production of various world cultures. Content may be augmented with additional topics pertaining to target language cultures and with local performing arts opportunities such as those available at the Youth Performing Arts School. The course will present as much content as possible directly in the target language, including readings, lectures, primary resources and some events. While the course will focus on worldwide artistic production, works in the targeted language will be introduced and studied to better connect the two disciplines.

Note: This course will satisfy the *Advanced Program* Humanities requirement.